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Entitled: OPEN HOLE FORMATION
TESTING

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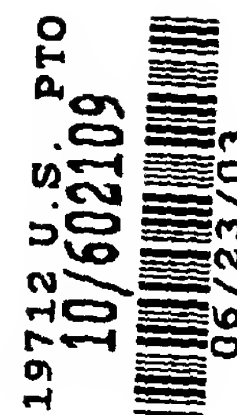
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This is a request for filing a divisional application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/873,814 filed on June 4, 2001 of Kevin Manke, Wayne H. Nivens, Samuel Bianco, Charles M. McPhail and Ricardo Maldonado entitled OPEN HOLE FORMATION TESTING.

(XX) Enclosed are 30 pages of specification, including claims, 3 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-5), a copy of the declaration filed in the prior application and an Information Disclosure Statement.

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(XX) Cancel in this application original claims 1-27 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

(XX) Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a division of application Serial No. 09/873,814 filed June 4, 2001, such prior application being incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

() New formal drawings are enclosed.

(XX) The prior application is assigned of record to
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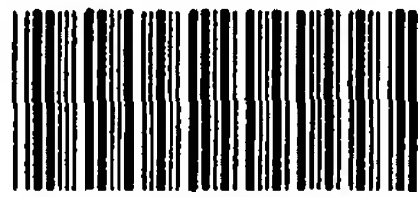
(XX) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

() A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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